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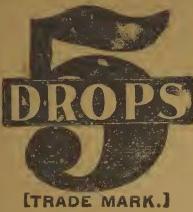
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CURED OF RHEUMATISM, ASTHMA, KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLE, CATARRH AND NEURALGIA OF THE HEART.

[TRADE MARK.]

What Mr. John R. Collins of Darburn (Miss.) writes June 19: For the past three years I have suffered with pain over my whole body so that I was unable to do a whole day's work on the farm at any time, and for the last months I had given up entirely from work of any kind and despaired of ever being cured. I had tried all remedies I could find but with little benefit. "5 DROPS" was recommended to me, and I commenced taking the same some time in January, and immediately saw that it had the desired effect on the diseases from which I was suffering, which were RHEUMATISM, ASTHMA, KIDNEY AND BLADDER TROUBLE, and I am now as well as ever by the use of "5 DROPS," and can plow all day long Mississippi fashion. I take pleasure in writing this for the benefit of people who may be suffering in a similar manner; and I will gladly answer any letter that any sufferer may write to me, and send them proofs as to my condition at present and before.

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JOHN R. COLLINS.

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J. W. SANDERS.

Eli Cherry, Notary Public, Gillis Mills, (Tenn.) writes July 14, '98: I am a farmer and have labored very hard. Three years ago I was taken with severe pains in left breast and about my heart, and the best doctors said I had Neuralgia of the heart and could never get well. I had to quit work, and had very bad spells with my heart. My daughter, Mrs. H. T. Franks, saw your "5 DROPS" advertised, and she ordered a bottle for me, and it did me so much good that she ordered a second bottle, and after using that one I felt as good as I ever did, and have made a full hand in the field this year; and my old neighbors and friends are astonished and are all inquiring of me what cured me, and I can only say "5 DROPS" DID IT! Even the doctors are astonished at my recovery, and a great many of my friends who are afflicted with Neuralgia and Rheumatism wish me to send and get them some of the wonderful remedy, "5 DROPS." Trusting that the people who are suffering may see this testimonial and have confidence enough to give "5 DROPS" a trial.

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ELI CHERRY, Notary Public.

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GOSSIP.

A Box of Flowers.—Only a few flowers, but what pleasure they have given me! The gift has woven a golden thread into the woof of a commonplace day. While recovering from a severe illness this box came, and has brightened everything. What a pleasure unpacking the little box! Each flower is carefully taken out and examined. First there is a spray of Freesias—four full flowers and several buds. Each has a dainty blotch of yellow, and the fragrance is charming. Here is a bunch of Tritelia blooms, chaste white and of star-like form. Here are some single Petunias, purplish red and white, bringing back memories of many past summers, when just such Petunias flaunted their beauty in Grandma's garden. They may be called homely blooms, but are more pleasantly suggestive than some of their more beautiful sisters. Beneath these and other blooms which make up the dainty offering we find the gracefully cut leaves of Scented Geraniums and sprays of Kenilworth Ivy. This little box was especially prized because each flower and spray seemed a token of loving regard, and represented a sacrifice, having been nurtured and cared for in the window garden by dear friends. Let us all brighten a dull day for someone by such a gift.

Hillsboro Co., N.H.

C. S. F.

Cacti.—Mrs. Marshall, of Kansas, is interested in Cacti, and wishes some Cactus grower to write on the propagation and treatment of this class of plants.

Have You Asthma in Any Form?

Medical science at last reports a positive cure for every form of Asthma in the West African Kola Plant, about which so much has lately been said in the medical journals. Its cures are really marvelous. Rev. J. L. Combs, of Martinsburg, West Va., writes it cured him of Asthma of thirty years' standing, and Mrs. E. Johnson, of No. 417 Second St., Washington, D. C., testifies that for years she had to sleep propped up in a chair. The Kola Plant cured her at once. Mr. Alfred C. Lewis, editor of the *Farmer's Magazine*, of Washington, D. C., was also cured when he could not lie down for fear of choking, and Hon. L. G. Clute, of Greeley, Iowa, and others of our readers give similar testimony, proving it truly a wonderful remedy. If you suffer from Asthma we advise you to send your address to the Kola Importing Co., No. 1164 Broadway, New York, who to prove its power will send a Large Case by mail free to every reader of PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE who needs it. In return they only request that when cured yourself you will tell your neighbors about it. It costs you nothing and you should surely send for it.

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CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

Gray skies and bleak winds,
Meadows brown and bare,
Lone paths and somber woods,
Snowflakes in the air;
When these signs and tokens
Tell me 'tis 'come,
Then, it's hardy beauty
Blooms Chrysanthemum.

Primrose and Cowslip
All their gold have spent,
Summer took the Roses
With her when she went;
Now the birds are silent,
And the crickets dumb;
Fearless of the winter,
Blooms Chrysanthemum.

Ingham Co., Mich.

Mrs. James Kerns.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

MOST flower lovers devote more time and thought to flowers for a late autumnal than for an early spring display. Some variety of the Chrysanthemum is found around nearly every home, both in city and country; often it is only the small, common reds or little clumps of the bright yellow that help to brighten up the dying year around the poorer homes, but each is as much appreciated by its owner as the immense flowers that have taken so much time of their more aristocratic neighbors. Much of the pleasure in Chrysanthemum growing is in the addition of some new variety each year. The Chrysanthemum can be planted at any time after the ground becomes warm in the spring until the middle of June, and will make large, blooming plants by fall. The late sorts can be grown in the open ground until September first, then carefully potted, watered, and set in a shady place for a few days. They must be sheltered from the winds until the

plants are well settled. However, one will be apt to obtain the most satisfaction from the pot grown plants, as they then have them more completely under their control, and during a hard storm they can be moved to a sheltered position. Then, too, the plants can be more thoroughly watered when grown in pots. It is best to give a thorough soaking of the soil when water is needed, although the daily sprinkling of the leaves must not be neglected, as this greatly refreshes them and keeps them in a healthy condition. The tips of all the branches should be pinched out frequently during the summer to make the plants more bushy and compact, but after August 1st they should be allowed to grow undisturbed, as the buds begin to form then.

As to varieties, there are so many excellent sorts it would be hard to name the best. There are many new varieties added each year. The amateur would do well to select from the tried standard sorts. Pure

whites are always admired, and those that retain their snowy whiteness to the last are usually preferred by most cultivators. Ivory, Jessica, Mutual Friend and Madam Alpheus Hardy can all be depended upon to do this. Vivian Morel and Pink Ivory are bright pinks that are sure to please. Major Bonifon is the best yellow for all purposes, and is a beautiful sort. The flowers are very large, with incurved petals, forming, when fully developed, a perfect ball. When ordering the Chrysanthemum be sure to order from a reliable florist. Substitution in this case is one of the hardest things the amateur florist has to contend with. One has months of patient care and anticipation often to find when the flowers bloom that they

have been caring for something that they already have, or did not want, and which is labeled for the variety ordered.

Lincoln Co., Ky.

Laura Jones.



CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

THE NEAPOLITAN ALLIUM.

AMONG the Alliums are some ornamental species, as well as the odorous Onion, Leek and Garlic. Among the ornamental species the Neapolitan or Daffodil Allium is worthy of adoption among choice flowers. The bulbs are of small size, and the leaves and stems that put up from them are slender and graceful, the stems under favorable conditions reaching the height of a foot and a half. The blossoms are pure white, in loose umbels, ten or fifteen to each stem. This Daffodil Allium is perfectly hardy, and will bloom freely in a temperature just above freezing. Few plants are more satisfactory for northern sections, and none more prolific of blooms in windows, greenhouses or cold frames. Pure white flowers manageable in bouquet-making are always valuable, particularly so where the lasting qualities are fine. This lovely little flower lasts as long as Gypsophila when cut. The long stems admit of effective arrangement as cut flowers, and the diminutive size of the bulbs admit of many of them being planted in limited space. The little bulbs can be tucked in between Hyacinths, Narcissus or Tulips, and will send up their tall, slender stems with full umbels of white starry blossoms above the larger, gayer flowers of the Holland bulbs. The odor is akin to that of the Onion if the flower is crushed; otherwise it is not emitted.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 6, 1898.

Night-blooming Cactus.—Do not expect your night-blooming Cactus to bloom before it is three years old. Mine did. It blossomed this past summer, when only two, but three is the established rule, so mine was an exceptional case. They need a warm, sunny place the year round, and a dose of liquid fertilizer once in two or three weeks when warm weather comes, and it is making vigorous growth. Don't give too much water through the winter. A safe rule to follow with most plants in winter is not to water unless the soil is dry, or the soil will get sour and heavy, and your plants will vanish like a dream and a tale that is told. Cut sprinkle or shower the foliage often. All of the Cactus family that I know need a light, warm soil with plenty of sand—at least a third or more.

Mary B. Appley.

Windham Co., Conn., Oct. 14, 1898.

Japanese Morning Glories.—If you want a wealth of beauty be sure to plant Japanese Morning Glories. Many people soak the seeds in tepid water before planting; some leave them in a box after the soaking with a wet cloth spread over them until the next day. Plant in good soil. The seeds should not be planted out until all danger from frost is past. Any support will do, but wire trellises are best. A hedge may be made by using wide wire netting fastened to strong supports. They will also cover a dead tree beautifully.

Dubuque, Iowa. Maude Meredith.

DOCTORING A FUCHSIA.

IHAD a Fuchsia which came from the florist's in a good sized pot, one which the florist said would be large enough for it all summer. Soon after I got it was pot bound, and decided to repot it. I slipped it carefully from its pot into a larger one, filled in with fresh soil, and waited to see it take a new start, but it didn't move. I then took it up, shook the roots free from soil, and washed them clean. I discovered that part of the roots had moist, scabby-looking places on them, and some of the small roots looked dark and dry and dead. With a sharp knife I cut off all affected roots and part of the top, then potted in fresh soil, put in a west window, and watered with warm water until it began to put forth new leaves. Then I moved it to a south window and kept it well watered, and it soon commenced blooming. I feared the disease would attack the remaining roots, but it did not, nor have I ever learned what caused it in the first place. Ina King.

Christian Co., Ky.

“Improved” Virginia Creeper.

—*Ampelopsis quinquefolia* usually climbs by tendrils and often fails to hold, falling off in times of rain and heavy wind. I have a variety, given me some years ago, which clings, like the *Ampelopsis Veitchii*, by roots or suckers which grow out thickly the whole length of the plant. The leaves are five, but less sharply serrated and pointed than the ordinary Virginia Creeper. I have never seen this mentioned in any catalogue, and a florist thinks it only a variety, though it seems to me almost distinct enough for a species. It is certainly much better for covering tree trunks and brick walls than the one with tendrils. The Japanese *Ampelopsis* is not hardy here.

Geo. S. Woodruff.

Buchanan Co., Iowa.

[NOTE.—The Japanese *Ampelopsis* well established the first season, and given some protection the first winter, will often prove entirely hardy. The older plants will bear more frost than those just started.—ED.]

The Water Hyacinth.—Last year a friend of mine bought a small root of this, and kept it in clear water and moss. It produced only one bloom, but it had such beautiful leaves I decided to try one this spring. I purchased a root, and used a large dishpan to plant it in. In the bottom of the pan I put about a gallon of garden soil, into which was mixed a dobble handful of guano, then filled with fresh water, and added fresh water as needed. I have given away eleven roots, and now have seventy-four large bunches with leaves seven inches across and thirteen inches long. I have had ninety-eight blooms since June, and there are several now, with many buds. One stem has fifteen flowers, each four inches across. It is grand. I keep in partial shade.

Mrs. R. D. Moore.

Walton Co., Ga., Oct. 1, 1898.

FREESIAS.

TO have Freesias in bloom by Christmas they should be planted in August or by the first of September, as it takes them four or five months to reach blooming size. Freesias are seldom planted as early as they should be. I have been told by one who is very successful with Freesias, that to keep the bulbs in good condition, they should never be thoroughly dried out, as they easily lose vitality. The soil cannot be too rich if one wants fine, large flowers. Soil which is composed of old, thoroughly decayed leaves and manure, with a very little wood ashes is good. Use deep pots, well drained. Put in bulbs about two inches apart, and cover fully an inch. Water sparingly until shoots appear. You need not put them away in the dark for roots to form, but keep in any cool, shady place in yard or house. After the shoots come through gradually bring the pots to the full sunshine, and you will have strong plants, standing up erect. Keep well watered and grow in the full sunlight, as they are much more fragrant when grown in a sunny position. Also be careful not to wet the blossoms, as that will lessen their fragrance. Rich soil is said to give highly colored flowers.

To buy small, inferior bulbs will only cause disappointment, as they cannot produce the fine blossoms that the large bulbs will. Put six or more mammoth bulbs in one pot, and you will be richly rewarded for all your trouble and expense.

Aunt Anna.
Lincoln Co., Wash.

Three Novelties.—I had great luck with a Water Hyacinth one year. I used big tubs, set among the shrubs. One tiny root spread wonderfully, and bloomed and bloomed. Everyone was interested in it, and I gave away handfuls of it. A Cape Jasmine was given me, and it was the loveliest shrub ever seen in these parts. It grew and bloomed well, but I took it up and had it in a tub in the house. I kept it for some time, but it was unwieldy and got shoved aside, and one cold night, when the mercury slid down to 38° below zero, the Cape Jasmine took a weary good-bye of a worthless world. That same night twelve magnificent Begonias also departed. I had a Tree Oxalis once, which was one of the most satisfactory plants in my collection. It grew rapidly, and was graceful and beautiful, the upper part of the leaf being green bronze and the upper side deep red; the flower was yellow.

Ray Richmond.

Dubuque Co., Ia., Oct. 31, 1898.

To Rid Roses of Lice.—Last winter my Rose plants were attacked by green lice. I took a dish pan, filled it with water that my hands would scarcely bear for a moment, and in this I immersed the Rose bushes, allowing them to remain under for several minutes. After this they soon threw up new shoots and began to bloom.

Mrs. M.

Essex Co., N. Y., Sept. 29, 1898.

AN OCTOBER LANDSCAPE.

The peaceful world lies hushed and still,
Of Autumn's wine she's drank her fill;
The sun its brightness seems to spill
Upon the trees on yon brown hill.

The Maple has shed her royal crown
And her gorgeous leaves come dancing down,
They fall at our feet, and cover the town
In a mantle of yellow and scarlet and brown.

Down by the stream the Cat-tails grow,
And merry children seem to know
They ask for shelter; so they go
And rescue them from approaching snow.

The year, too soon, is growing old,
E'er long these banners, red and gold
Will be destroyed by the icy hold
Of the hoary Frost King, bleak and bold.

Benjamin B. Keech.

Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.

A HOME PIT.

WHEN the fall comes I cannot forbear taking up a few plants for the sitting room. It seems cruel, after enjoying them through the summer months to leave them to freeze. Then they form the finishing touches of beauty to a room, and give it a home-like look that nothing else does. A window of pretty, well-kept plants awakens good thoughts. Living in the city I have experienced trouble in keeping my flowers, and wish to tell the MAGAZINE readers how, after many years' worry, I have at last discovered a way.

Placed by a south window, in a room without fire, I have a large box with the sides sloped like a pit. It is papered outside and inside with heavy wall paper. If the night is moderately cold I spread over it a newspaper and shawl; if very cold something heavier. In the morning it requires but a moment to uncover the plants so they can have the benefit of the sun and air, or remove to the sitting room window to cheer me through the day. If the weather is extremely cold I keep them covered all day. My plants are thrifty and clean, and do not mildew like in an outdoor pit. A good way to slip your plants is to put them in sand instead of dirt, as sand keeps moist longer, and the slips start better.

A Subscriber.
New York City, Sept. 10, 1898.

Maurandya.—For a delicate, rapid-growing vine nothing surpasses the Maurandya. Mine at the north sitting room window has climbed to the top of the strings set for it, and half way up the screen, and is covered with its "blue bells." It also does remarkably well grown in pots in the house. Mrs. G. A. Bruner.

Wright Co., Iowa, Sep. 18, 1898.

Snowball.—A new sprout put up from my Snowball, and is in bloom now, August 12. The cluster is nearly twice the size of those on the old bush this spring, but the flowerets are smaller. I never knew a Snowball to bloom twice the same season before this. Miss Ida Caldwell.

Hickman Co., Ky., Aug. 12, 1898.

AUTUMN.

Now like a sea of sapphire all the sky above is bending,
While here and there upon its breast in many a billowy mass
Toss light and high the silvery clouds, in wavering lines unending,
Dissolving, and re-forming, where the aerial currents pass,
And drifting slowly off, into misty fragments parted,
Like unto lambs' wool spun by fair Arachne's hand,
To form upon the tideless blue, where mimic isles are started,
Fair sky-born archipelagoes, like bits of snow-capped land.
Low at the far horizon's line, where heaven and earth are mated,
The grand and somber mountains veil their rugged crowns in haze,
While at their feet the Clover meads with smiling grace have waited
The lush, sweet growth of aftermath in all their scented ways.
And now the cows stand idly in the stony water courses;
While, hung like tiny banners, at the woodland's shadowy line
Stray golden-tinted leaves gleam out, first hint of autumn's forces,
And grapes, in heavy clusters set, crowd low the swinging vines,
Away in distant forest aisles great nuts are softly dropping
In plump and rounded globes of green upon the mossy ground,
While brilliant piping jays 'mong the oak boughs eagerly hopping
Discuss the ripening acorn crop with harsh, unhappy sound.
Along the blue-green cabbage fields in merry fluttering armies
The dainty, white-winged butterflies their alms-less wanderings take;
And heavy-seeded Sunflowers hang their somber faces earthward,
While katydids and crickets loud their reedy music make.
The shrill cicada pipes again his treble note of summer;
With dewy nets of gossamer the stubble fields are spread;
While robins call, disconsolate, in quiet lessening numbers,
And rice-birds veer them southward in uneven columns led,
While on the wings of zephyrs cool come ever lightly floating
Pale ghosts of purple Thistle blooms of summer days now dead,
Gay, fairy, airy voyageurs in timeless races boating,
Their countless, frail, but snow-white sails in perfect circles spread.
Along the highways' weedy wastes the Golden-rods are gleaming,
And all the pasture steeps are bright where Sumac lances blaze,
And Ceres heaps her golden horn, half lost in idle dreaming,
As soft the sunshine filters down these rare autumnal days.

*Dubuque, Iowa.**Maude Meredith.*

November's rain is falling,
November's leaves are dead,
But somewhere the sun is shining
Tho' clouds be overhead.

*Vera Warren Payne.**Chenango Co., N. Y.***AN INDIAN SUMMER DAY.**

The languid mists hang heavy o'er the hills,
The purple woods lie in a slumbrous shadow,
And far away the silvery tinkling rills
Are gliding on throughout the rowen meadow.

The sweetly slumbering fields, the hazy skies
Seem deeply hushed in some mysterious calm;
While saintly Peace, with dreamy, tranquil eyes
Throws to the zephyrs her silent, healing balm.

The pale robed Lilies droop their weary heads,
The latest red-cheeked Rose is dying;
While o'er the Summer's brilliant garden beds
A farewell voice is softly sighing.

Sweet tones come floating on the soft-winged breeze,
With far off, drowsy echoes ringing,
The late birds call, the hum of bees,
The flaunting locusts shrilled voiced singing.

A brilliant sunset glows upon the hills,
A rosy flush, caressing, soft and tender,
While all the pulseless landscape slowly fills
As day reluctantly yields up her splendor.

The crimson glory slowly melts to gray,
The starlit night is carefully descending,
The shrill songs of the cricket far away
With other twilight sounds are softly blending.

*Benjamin B. Keesh.
Cattaraugus Co., N. Y., Sept. 24, 1897.*

THE WAYSIDE DAISY.

Only a little wayside Daisy,
To fame and beauty all unknown,
Just to Him who wept with Mary
Is her true worth ever shown.

Loyal at the post of duty,
Whether days be dark or fair,
Ever, always looking Heavenward,
To the God who placed her there.

Yes, the Father has a mission,
Even for the wayside flower;
In His love her life He's hiding,
And she trusts Him for each hour.

Could she see the Rose and Lily,
Sweet and lovely, wondrous fair,
Would she sigh and long for beauty,
Would her lot seem hard to bear?

No, the kind and loving Master,
Who has wisely fashioned all,
Looks upon the wayside Daisy,
As He marks the sparrow's fall.

*Miss Mintie McDivitt.
Huntingdon Co., Pa., Sept. 21, 1898.*

MOST FAIR.

Some prize the fruit and some the flower,
Such sweets as brighten every hour
Of early spring, when orchards fair
Pour out their fragrance on the air,
Of autumn joys, when every breeze
Brings golden treasures from the trees,
Dew laden in the morning sun,
Dew laden when the day is done.

I prize the hand that gave to me
One blossom from the orchard tree
When love awoke, and robins gay
Sang carols to the virgin May;
A maiden's hand that gives me now
One apple from the bending bough,
My troth ring an emblem there,
That makes the slender hand most fair.

*Ruth Raymond.
Bradford Co., Pa., Oct. 12, 1898.*

PELARGONIUMS.

PTHESE are better known as Lady Washington or Pansy Geraniums, and were brought to this country from the Cape of Good Hope. Considering the great number of these plants throughout the land, one is surprised that so few know how to properly care for them. For years we were of those who tried and failed and tried again.

I first remember that this class of Geraniums blossoms but once a year. Coaxing me to kill the plant; it never induces it to bloom after its season is past. After flowering the plant should be set in a sunny place and water withheld until it becomes very dry. Keep the soil almost dusty for weeks until as we say of bulbs, the season of rest is past. Next cut back the Geranium as freely as you would a Rose, repeat and water sparingly until new shoots appear. Keep in a cool, light place until you see the tiny seedlings peeping forth, and then give some good liquid fertilizer, and place in the direct rays of the sun if possible. Treated in this way the blooming season will extend over three and even four months, and then we find of blossoms borne during that time will repay all the care given.

Lalia Mitchell.

Bedford Co., Pa., Oct. 1, 1898.

Culture Necessary.—I wonder if any of the other flower-lovers have ever made a mistake similar to the one I made this spring? Other years I have prided myself upon my well-kept flower beds, but this spring work seemed to be piled up so high that I decided to allow the volunteer seedlings to remain where they came up, and simply thinned them out and weeded about them as they grew. The result has been that my beds and borders have been an eyesore all summer, not only to myself, but to the passers-by. I am convinced that flowers will not grow thriflily in beds in which the soil is not well stirred in the spring.

Mrs. G. A. Bruner.

Wright Co., Iowa, Sept. 18, 1898.

Pretty Rugosa.—It is no use denying that to have a choice bed of Roses you must work for them, but here is good news for the busy amateur. In the fall plant a Rosa rugosa. When cold weather comes cover the roots lightly; after the first winter this Rose will need no protection. Insects do not bother it. The leaves are very pretty, and form a splendid background for the pretty pink flowers. It has a very delicate but beautiful scent, and is lovely for corsage bouquets. The roots increase rapidly, and they can be divided and set out in a row, and the bushes will form in time a beautiful hedge or screen. The seed vessels are large, and a bright scarlet in color. They will stay on until snow falls.

Anna Lyman.

Detroit, Mich.

Buttercup Oxalis.—Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis will make a window bright with its golden yellow blossoms all winter. Plant five or six bulbs in a five-inch pot, and it will be one solid sheet of yellow.

Lincoln Co., Wash.

Aunt Anna.

CAT-TAILS.

TYPHA LATIFOLIA, Reed-mace, or common Cat-tail, a marsh plant that grows on the margins of shallow water, ditches and canals, is at the height of its popularity for decorative winter bouquets. It is one of the trophies generally brought to city homes from summer outings, where water-side and woodland rambles have constituted a part of the recreations. Forewarned is forearmed in regard to the behavior of the Cat-tail in drawing rooms. If its long reeds are cut after the ovaries are nearly mature they will come to pieces in warm, dry air, and the winged seeds will "fly high, fly low," and settle upon curtains and carpets. The plants stand like sentinels among the other marsh plants, and their heads are like maces or pikes, solid to the casual observer, but in reality dense masses of small flowers. When fluffy and full-grown they are attractive till the mission of each stamen to shed its pollen has been fulfilled, then they are wafted away, leaving the stalk bare and desolate.

Grant Allen says: "Each ovary of the Cat-tail is so extremely small that you cannot distinguish them separately with the naked eye; if you cut the spike across the only thing you can see is a thick mass of soft, brownish hairs, black at the tips and paler inside toward the central stalk. How many hundreds of thousands of flowers are thus cribbed and cabined on a single stem nobody has ever had the patience to count; a mere pinch pulled out between the finger and thumb displays, under the microscope, an apparently infinite number of distinct florets, each with a single tiny ovary and a fluffy envelope of fine hairs."

G. T. Drennan.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 5, 1898.

Viburnum plicatum.—This is a native of the north of China, and is an extremely ornamental deciduous shrub of moderate growth and picturesque, upright habit, brown shoots and showy, solid, wrinkled, plicated leaves, which are of a dark green on the upper surface and distinctly brown beneath. It flowers in the greatest profusion during the month of June. The flowers which are produced in large cymes are pure white, and are borne all along the length of the previous year's growth. They remain in perfection for a considerable length of time.

Floral Park, N. Y. C. E. Parnell.

Hyacinths.—Hyacinths should be planted in a five-inch or six-inch pot. Set the bulb in a cavity on the top of the soil. The single Dutch Pompon Hyacinths are good for house culture, also the Roman Hyacinths, especially the white ones. Hyacinths may be potted every two or three weeks from the first of September until late in December, then one will have the beautiful waxy bells blooming all winter and until after Easter. Keep in the dark after planting, and until they are well started. Use good rich soil and let the bulb rest on pure sand.

Lincoln Co., Wash.

Aunt Anna.

OUR COMMON DAFFODIL.

LAST fall found a great many "must haves" in my plant note-book, but after supplying the "must haves" in the shape of shoes, stockings, mittens, etc., for our colony of small "olive branches," there was left positively nothing to supply the first mentioned. This was a most distressing state of affairs, for, without forgetting to be thankful that the babies were well protected, I sighed for potted bulbs. At last, a happy thought! In August I had been obliged to dig my Narcissus bulbs. Why not pot the best of them? There were about a quart, mostly too small, and I looked with misgivings even at the larger ones. None of them was over three-fourths of an inch in diameter. They were dug two years before from the sod of an old lawn. Separated and planted singly, I had cared for them two seasons, hoping they would recover some time from years of misuse. November 1st six of the largest were planted in a two-quart pail. Lumps of charcoal went in first, then a handful of dry leaves, then soil, with enough phosphate to make a thin layer, filling up with garden earth. Christmas they came from the cellar with leaves two inches in length, and by parting them I could even then see the fat, sturdy buds showing above the earth. They grew slowly but surely. February four d' them all in bloom, and they lasted fully four weeks, to be followed in March by Hyacinths that came as a generous Christmas gift from our Editor. All of these bulbs grew in the north window of the pantry, receiving no care except a plentiful supply of water, which, by the way, is very cheap. So, be not discouraged, dear FLORAL mothers, but take pickaxe some day in August and lift from the grass-grown border a big clump of those old Daffodils. Pick out the largest for next winter's bloom. Of those that are too small to flower make two grades, planting them where you can give them good care, for they will be large enough to lift next fall. The tiny ones will follow in due time. One of mine proved to be a Trumpet Major, which gave two blossoms, and, as the bulb was small, I thought this was doing very well. If you are going to buy Narcissus do not fail to include this lovely sort.

Mrs. Lilly Ely Little.
Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Aug. 1, 1898.

Kerosene for White Worms.—To my deep chagrin I found all of my plant pots infested with "white worms". They had taken a firm hold before I discovered them, and I feared they would kill my plants. I tried several remedies without avail. Then I commenced using just a little kerosene in the water with which I washed and watered the plants. A half teaspoonful to two quarts of water is enough. Perseverance in this treatment finished the last worm, and saved all of my plants.

Mrs. E. Whitman.
Valley Co., Neb., Sept. 13, 1898.

[**Note.**—A little home-made soap in the water, forming suds, aids in the even distribution of the kerosene. The same end may be attained by the use of milk, sweet or sour, in place of water.—Ed.]

ORNAMENTAL ASPARAGUS.

THese Asparagus open up a new line of ornamental plants for house culture. Unlike many such plants they do as well in the ordinary window as when grown in a greenhouse, making rapid growth, and holding their attractive green color well. They do not require a great deal of sunshine, but thrive best where Begonias and Primroses do well. For that reason a north or west window can be utilized which would be of little use for flowering plants. Like Ferns a damp atmosphere suits them perfectly, but unlike Ferns they will do well without it. A daily spraying with clear water will furnish just the dampness they need.

Asparagus plumosus nanus, also called the climbing Lace Fern, is usually considered the handsomest one among them. The shape and form of the leaves remind one of the fronds of the finest Fern, the texture delicate and lace-like. It grows in the form of a vine, and the branches often grow to great length, but should one prefer not to have a vine it can be easily made to grow in bush form by pinching out the ends of the branches. This is really the most ornamental way to grow the plant, as it is then a perfect mound of green, lace-like leaves, drooping on all sides of the pot. The leaves arch gracefully, and are from ten to fifteen inches long, tapering from a width of ten or twelve inches down to a point, making one of the most beautiful plants for table decoration that can be found. The branches are fine for cutting, and remain in perfect condition for weeks if the water is changed frequently. I had several cut sprays for mantel decoration last season, and they remained in perfect condition in an ordinary room for five weeks. Hardly a leaflet fell during that time, and the color seemed as fresh and bright as when picked. Charcoal was kept in the water, which was renewed every second day, and this probably helped to keep it so well.

A. Sprengeri is adapted for a basket plant, being of drooping habit, and though the foliage is also fine and a vivid green it is entirely unlike that of the other variety. The sprays grow to a length of four or five feet, but if a shorter growth is desired the ends can be pinched back and the plant will then grow bushy, often entirely hiding the basket in which it grows. If one has no place for a hanging basket, the plant can be grown in a pot placed on a bracket. This is often the better way, as it can then stand in a saucer and be sure to receive all the water it needs, while a basket often suffers for want of water. Both of these plants grow freely all the year round, and cannot fail to please everyone.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill., Sep. 19, 1898.

Spirea palmata.—This is one of the finest of the perennial species growing about three feet in height, and blooms from June till September. It has elegant palmate foliage, and showy, loose terminal panicles of deep crimson flowers.

Floral Park, N. Y. C. E. Parnell.

**PAPER WHITE NARCISSUS
IN WATER.**

THE nicest way to raise Paper White Narcissus is in water, as finer blossoms can be obtained, more of them, and less care is required than when grown in earth. I grow mine in a large glass dish, putting an inch of sharp sand in the bottom of the dish. Then I put in from nine to twelve bulbs, and fill in the spaces with pretty pebbles. Fill with water to the top of the pebbles, and renew as it disappears. Should it ever seem impure pour in fresh water until it runs over and carries away the impurity. The bulbs force very quickly, and one can have them in bloom in about five weeks after planting. If wanted for Thanksgiving they should be planted about October 15th. I usually prefer to wait a month and then have them in fine condition for the Holidays. They are very accommodating plants, and will stand almost any kind of treatment. Too much heat is all there is to fear, as plants grown in water cannot stand as great a degree of heat as those grown in soil. Therefore it is best to keep them away from the fire, but give them all the sunshine possible until they are in blossom, then put in a shady place, as the hot sun makes the flowers fade quickly. When done blooming throw the bulbs out, as they will not force well again, and are not hardy if planted in the garden.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill.
Sep. 19, 1883.

Ruellia formosa.

A flower that I admire greatly is Ruellia formosa. I received a plant a year ago, in a collection of plants, and it was then new to me. Both flower and plant are elegant, the former indescribably so. The flowers on my plant are two inches long and an inch and a half wide at the top, and in color a soft, rich scarlet that is pleasing to the eye. Seeds which I saved from the flowers did not germinate, and cuttings failed to grow, and it has not sent up any sprouts. It has endured any amount of hardships short of actual freezing, for three days being submerged under the cold, muddy waters of a flood, and lived as an example of patient endurance. The rich blue flowers of the Commelynna and the soft, subdued scarlet flowers of the Ruellia contrast most exquisitely. I have not as yet succeeded in finding a white flower that in shape and all other points harmonize well with these two. The Ruellia blooms all through the summer and fall. It is a plant for which one's admiration will increase.

Riverside, W. Va.

Uhlma.



GIANT PAPER WHITE NARCISSUS.

PANSIES.

WHO is there that does not love Pansies? They are not quite so fashionable as their cousins, the Violets, which sell in New York on Broadway for five dollars a bunch, with three yards of ribbon thrown in, but to my mind they are far sweeter and more satisfactory. My first bed was a great success. I planted the seeds in a shallow box in March. I kept a glass over the box, and the earth damp, and gave it all the heat I could. When the little plants had made two leaves I took off the glass, and late in April I set the plants out. The bed was round, very rich, and had an east exposure where no south sun could catch it. I rounded the bed up to the center, and planted the Pansies six inches apart. How they grew and blossomed, and spread and seeded. I was kept busy picking them, they bloomed so profusely. When autumn came I spread leaves over them, and early in February they were budding under the snow. They did well for a while, when suddenly the plants turned yellow. I investigated, and found them broken off at the root. I discovered, after a great deal of discouragement, that the bed was full of slugs, which I could not exterminate. I had to give up that bed and try another. This one was on a southern exposure, and the Pansies were puny and insignificant. I gave up the culture of Pansies for a year or two, but this season I shall make a north bed, and try again. If the slug gets after them this time there will be trouble.

Ray Richmond.
Dubuque Co., Iowa.

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Bits of Beauty.

In February and March, those trying months, when winter in the northern States holds on, and we so long for the coming of spring then the dear little Jonquil comes in, truly a bit of comfort and beauty. They are for scanty purses, too. A dozen or two can easily be bought from money saved on candy or an extra ribbon or an artificial flower for the hat that will look all the better without it. Put two or three of the small bulbs in a pretty little bowl or glass dish (cracked, perhaps, and not fit for the table; they will grow in anything), and leave them in the dark, for five or six weeks. Then bring to light in a cool room, one next to where the stove stands is best. Some of the flowers may be called "gleams of gold," and others are like white stars, and so fragrant! Carry one pretty dish with the Jonquil in bloom and leave it for a while with your sick neighbor. It will be a cheery comforter.

Anna Lyman.

CLOUDLAND.

Methinks in fleecy cloudland
The guardian angels dwell,
And sending love from far above,
Blooms deck the hill and dell.

Methinks in mystic cloudland
The angels breathe and then—
A sweet perfume pervades each bloom
To gladden hearts of men.

*Annice Bodey.
Champaign Co., O., Oct. 6, 1893.*

LUCK WITH FLOWERS.

SOME persons have been lovers of flowers from childhood, but with me it has been different. Not till I reached full manhood did I know one flower from another. Every flower was a flower and nothing more. I was no better than Wordsworth's character, of whom he says

The Primrose on the river's brim
A simple Primrose was to him,
And nothing more.

I can remember distinctly the afternoon when, after having mowed the lawn, my attention was attracted to a line of weeds bordering the fence by the drive-way. The thought occurred to me that if that ground could raise weeds it could also raise flowers. So, all aglow with this idea, I spaded up the dry, yellow earth and raked it, little dreaming of its worthlessness. A few flower seeds were begged of a kind neighbor and planted. In about three weeks some sickly looking plants peeped through the ground, and eventually grew into dwarfed specimens too ugly to be classed as flowers. My verdict to all my friends was that I had poor luck with flowers. In my own heart I felt that it was hardly worth my time to try further 'n the sphere of floriculture.

The following spring, as the warm sun again looked forth, I could not rid myself of the desire to fuss with flowers. But my "luck" had been so poor that I became convinced that I must go at it differently. After reflection I concluded that what my flowers lacked was food; practically they had been starved. With this philanthropic view before me I carted the yellow dirt away from the fence, wiser in this respect, at least, that the ground which will raise weeds will not always raise flowers. Into the bottom of the bed I dumped some well-rotted manure, and filled the depression with a mixture of equal parts of garden soil and woods dirt. Then I set into it seedlings of Asters, Phlox, Marigolds and Castor Beans. How they grew! People marveled at the sight, and could hardly believe that they were simple annuals. Frequent watering kept them fresh and in bloom for a long period.

In this way I learned the real secret of "luck with flowers." Since then I have found out that there is no such thing as luck or chance in the cultivation of flowers, but invariably "poor luck" means lack of knowledge on the part of the cultivator. Just as children cannot subsist on grass, so flowers cannot thrive on barren and unfavorable soil. Experience leads me to say that when possible annuals should be

started in boxes, and then transplanted. Before transplanting the soil should be prepared by thorough hoeing and frequent raking. When seeds are sown directly in the ground the rains soak the soil, and the sun bakes it before the tiny plants appear, thus placing them at a disadvantage at the start. Let all who are anxious to have the best results give care to the making of the flower-bed, and success is half secured. More failures can be traced to neglect here than at any other point in floriculture.

Jacob F. Bucher.

Ashtabula Co., O., Sept. 23, 1893.

In Favor of Crimson Rambler.

—I have read so much about the wonderful Rose Crimson Rambler that I want to tell you about mine. Four years ago last May I planted a small Crimson Rambler east of our house about eight feet. It grew nicely that year, and when winter came on I tied it up to a stake about five feet high and wound it with hay, but since that time I have not given it any winter protection. I made a frame arch over the walk to the gate, and upon this frame I put chicken wire, and to this I tied the branches, which have grown fifteen feet, and would have grown farther, but I pinched off the ends to stop growth. I thought it would be too tender to winter well. Every year I gave it a liberal supply of well-rotted manure. This year it had four branches fifteen feet long with many small branches. It has bloomed wonderfully every year, but this year it has surpassed all the Roses I ever heard of—the clusters numbering from thirty to eighty-seven blooms, altogether, on an estimate, having between 9,000 and 10,000 blooms at once. It was the wonder and admiration of all. Everybody wants a plant from it, and will pay me fifty cents a plant. I have already sold quite a number.

Dr. C. G. Ward.

Jewell Co., Kan., Oct. 3, 1893.

Sweet Peas.—After the frost leaves the ground spade it up, breaking the lumps and working manure in well. Plant the seeds early. After the ground has been thoroughly worked dig a trench about three inches deep, and sow the seeds a little thicker than most kinds of flowers. When the plants get about two inches high make a trellis of wire netting four or five feet high, or you can use a lath fence with twine run through. Keep the fading blossoms closely picked. It is better not to put Sweet Peas in the same ground two years in succession, but if you do the ground should be well manured in the fall.

Oswego Co., N. Y. Ella M. Rogers.

Starting Oleander.—I was at a loss to know the exact time to root Oleander cuttings. I had tried them at different periods, but failed, or partly so. I took a cutting off my large tree about July 1st, and put it in a bottle of water, and inside of two weeks it was rooted. Now it is a fine plant nearly three months old. It had only two or three roots when I potted it.

London, Ont., Sep. 26, 1893.

J. C.

SMOKE TREE.

(Rhus cotinus.)

From the realms of far off childhood,
In the misty, vanished years,
Fond memory now is beck'ning,
And the Smoke Tree old appears
With its plumes so soft and filmy
And light as fairy's thread,
Blown against the sky of azure
In phantom rings of red.

Frail as cloud mist are the Smoke wreaths,
That cling to the garden tree,
From the floral fires ascending,
Of wild sprites bold and free,
That haunt the sylvan temple
And tend their shrines unseen,
While they worship all the summer
In robes of living green.

Skies are blue and hearts are happy,
For the griefs we know to-day
Vanish in the realms of fancy,
When fond Memory points the way
To the pathway leading backward,
For we knew no' tears or pain
In the far away, bright childhood
Where the Smoke Tree blooms again.

Merrimack Co., Jx. H. Ray Laurance.

A WARM LITTLE BED FOR
THE BULBS.

MAKE it in the chimney corner, one or more, according to your chimneys. The corners on the south side are warm and sunny. And, although it will probably be at the rear or side of the house, and make no show from the front, you will get the flowers and have the good of them, and that is what you want. Spade up the chimney corners, make nice rich little beds, and plant a lot of hardy bulbs in them, and see for yourself.

Crocus bulbs are so small they can be crowded into small space, and every single bulb will bloom. Some Crocus bulbs produce several blooms. They are so cheap I never feel as if I had bought and paid for them, but that the florists have made me a gift of them. The colors are gay and bright, orange and purple, contrasting well with the dainty white. Narcissus, Hyacinths, Tulips, Glory of the Snow and Ixias, in fact any and all bulbs, do better than well in these warm little beds.

White Roman Hyacinths are really my favorites. They are so pure and sweet, and come so early out-doors, or bloom so beautifully in greenhouse or sitting room, that I generally have a quantity of them, planted in various positions and at different times to have a continuation of blooms.

The south side of a brick wall or chimney is always a good place for flowers in winter. Either coal or wood fires will warm a brick chimney enough to benefit vegetation, although it may not be perceptible to us. Botanists are well aware of the invisible heat from trees, walls and other sources that exercises such manifest influence over vegetation. The beds in the chimney corners may be made long, ranging down the side of the house from the base of the chimney. Plant the bulbs early in the fall, and on some cold morning raise the sash, throw open the blinds and see what you see. Let those who will or who can describe the rapturous delight. "A thing of beauty" it is, and "a joy forever," for memory will never lose it or let it go.

Mrs. G. T. Drennan

New Orleans, La., Oct. 5, 1898.

A Western Exposure.—Last fall I built a conservatory 8x10 feet, with a western exposure, and with windows on three sides. In this I put Geraniums and Coleus, and was delighted with my success. In the bright sunshine the Coleus developed their most brilliant colors, and the Geraniums bloomed abundantly. I could fill a basketful of blooms from the Geraniums every day. A southern exposure may be better, but my success prompts me to encourage those who have only a western exposure, as the plants named grow and bloom satisfactorily there. Have any of the readers tried grafting the Geranium? It is quite a novelty to have several shades of bloom upon the same plant. I am never troubled with insects. I keep fresh soil in the pots, water with pure water, and shower the foliage once a week. The absence of pests may be due to this treatment.

Max.

Waupaca Co., Wis., Sep. 13, 1898.

Ina King.

Christian Co., Ky., Oct. 3, 1898.

BONE AS A FERTILIZER.

To succeed with house plants one must give them abundant food, either a very fine, well rotted compost or a soil enriched by a suitable fertilizer, as the constant watering tends to leach out some of the soluble properties of the soil. I have found the best fertilizer for this purpose to be bone—fine raw bone, or, better still, bone prepared with potash which makes a complete plant food. I have often noticed ammonia recommended for plants, adding a teaspoonful to the water in watering the plants. In a few cases this may be beneficial, but it should be remembered that ammonia or any form of nitrogen causes a rapid growth of foliage, and the plant in taking up the readily available ammonia exhausts the other properties of the soil, so that although the plant may flourish for a time it will soon be in a worse condition than before, unless the soil contains much potash and phosphoric acid. Phosphoric acid causes plants to bloom. This is the part of the food in the soil that brings all vegetation to maturity, causing it to put forth flowers to produce seeds. The nitrogen develops the leaf and growth; the potash the stiffness of the plants and stems. So, above all, if you want plenty of flowers give your plants plenty of phosphoric acid, in which bone is the best form in which to obtain it. A pure, fine raw bone should contain four and one-half per cent. of ammonia and twenty-four per cent. of phosphoric acid. This is not all available at once, but as it decays in the soil it furnishes the best of food to the growing plant. A teaspoonful can be used in a five-inch or quart size flower pot. The best plan is to mix it thoroughly with the soil when potting the plants, but it can be stirred in from the top, the constant waterings carrying it down to the roots. This is much better and cleaner than liquid manure, and one pound will do a great many plants, and costs only a few cents. Steamed bone is very often sold to the novice for raw bone. It is, however, very insoluble, and of little value. The potash-prepared bone is the best and most soluble, but is not offered for sale in many places, as it is not yet well known.

Mrs. E. E. Burwell.
New Haven Co., Ct., Oct. 10, 1898.

Beautiful Paeonies.—Paeonies are so showy, so grand that no garden or lawn is complete without them. If you have a clump already, go as soon as its size will permit, and take away a root or two from one side, being careful not to disturb the other roots, and start a new bunch. In colors Paeonies range from deepest red through all the varying shades of pink to pure white. And once on a time I paid a travelling florist's salesman forty cents for a root of yellow Paeony, but when it grew it forgot its label and bloomed a rose pink. The only wonder is I did not pay a dollar for a blue Geranium. But the best of folks will get fooled sometimes. In May and June my lawn is gorgeous with Paeony bloom.

Maude Meredith.
Dubuque,

COMMELINA CELESTIS.

LAST summer a friend kindly sent me a small plant of the Commelina coerulea. The plant was unnamed, and from the appearance of the leaves and stems I supposed it to be a common trailing Tradescantia. When the plant bloomed, however, I was well pleased with the delicate, sky-blue flower, which more nearly resembles a small blue butterfly than any other flower I have ever seen. The thin, gauze-like, glistening petals, of which there are only two, measure each three-quarters of an inch across. The filaments are a clear white, the anthers a pale golden yellow. The long, slender, white, curving styles resemble the antennae of the butterfly. This flower is really elegant. It blooms constantly all summer long, often sending out three or four flowers in a cluster. I find that the plant is perfectly hardy. The seeds that had fallen unnoticed from the plant, and had lain on the ground all winter, and been frozen and water soaked, were not in the least affected, and in spring came up in profusion through the grass. I lifted and potted some of the plants, set some in the border, and gave a lot away, sending some to far-away friends. Some of them are growing in a bed with pink and white Geraniums, and they form a lovely combination of our national colors. Those who love blue flowers will find this plant a welcome addition to their flower beds.

Uhlma.

Riverside, W. Va.

Plants for Terraced Yards.—We have two terraces, as our yard slopes to the street. Flower beds upon the top of the upper terrace do not show off at all unless planted with high growing plants. In one round bed we have red and yellow Cannas with a row of Gladioli around the edge. The other bed has Dahlias in the center and Tuberoses around the edge. In a lower bed Cosmos makes a fine fall show, with a row of dwarf red Cannas about the edge. Good, strong, tall Geraniums also make a showy bed high up from the street.

Ray Richmond.

Dubuque Co., Ia., Oct. 11, 1898.

Dicentra cucullata.—This beautiful hardy perennial is popularly known as "Dutchman's Breeches." It is a native species growing in woods from Canada to Kentucky, and in cultivation should be given good soil and a shady position. It grows about six inches high, and the white-tipped yellow flowers are freely produced during the months of May and June.

C. E. Parnell.



AT SET OF SUN.

On the busy highways lies a hush and a haze,
And the whispering winds are still,
There's a faint crimson glow at the horizon low,
And a lonely bird cries on the hill.

There are odors of corn that the wings of the morn

Had low dropped in their hurrying flight,
O'er the meadows asleep the dull shadows creep,
Newly born of the incoming night,

While the reapers all late pass the farm yard gate
Slowly homeward with weary tread,
For, low lying at rest, folded soft on her breast,
Are the hands of the day just dead.

Dubuque Iowa.

Maude Meredith.

BEDDING PLANTS.

FOR solid beds everybody likes the gay Coleus. But everybody cannot indulge in ribbon beds and blazing stars. A choice Coleus standing here and there in a mixed bed is not bad, for the green leaves of the flowering plants are peace makers. The Coleus grows rapidly, and nothing else roots so easily or quickly. If you send for a few plants put them in cans, and as soon as small cuttings appear pinch them off, set in sandy soil, and water. They will soon catch up with the parent plant, and may all be bedded together. This hint is for the woman who knows the value of the pennysaved. Coleus plants cannot be kept over winter unless one can give them a heated greenhouse or a sunny window in a room where the same conditions are supplied. This plant endures the heat better when its roots are shaded. They are better planted close together.

Nothing new can be said of so old and faithful a friend as the sturdy Geranium. But the florists have not forgotten it. New and fine sorts come quietly to the front every season, and take their places with an air of assurance that would do credit to the members of the choir in a village church. There is a singular beauty and finish about a cluster of white Geranium blossoms that one never grows weary of admiring—a purity of color, delicacy of texture and grace of outline that we rarely find combined in any other flower. Hardly a flower gives so fine and clear a scarlet as the old, velvety sorts. To my way of seeing things, most single flowers are more beautiful than the double varieties of the same species. The outlines are true and perfect, the whole effect simple and graceful; whereas in double sorts it is the sumptuousness of form and richness of color that attract. If flowers are grown in great masses to produce a picturesque or imposing effect this difference is not to be considered; but if a few plants are to bloom quite near you it does matter, a good deal. Yellow flowers that are single are always more artistic than double ones of the same color. In Geraniums we find much to admire in leaf and flower, in habit of growth, easy culture and adaptability. This, therefore, must rank high as a bedding plant. Avoid weak reds and purple pinks and slender petals. Keep the quarrelsome colors divided by clumps of white or green.

The bed should be light and rich, and the morning sun is the best.

Plumbago is a wonderfully pretty plant all covered with airy, sky blue flowers. There is also a white sort, and a red one that is new and not exactly like the white and blue. But red and white are shown up well in other flowers, while blue is a rare color. So, if I can have but one Plumbago that one must be blue. It is a hard-wooded, shrubby plant and a summer bloomer that yields to the genial warmth of a sunny window and blooms with the New Year. The young slips root easily, and the plants never tire of blooming all the summer long. There is a delicate, airy, far away look about the cool blue flowers that is charming. But they are substantial enough. Shaped like delicate, silken Phloxes, they bloom in big, soft clusters on long, slender stems. The plants are fine for bedding and elegant for the piazza. If bedded out they must be carefully re-set in autumn, and wintered like Oleanders in a frost-proof cellar or in the greenhouse.

In shady corners the smooth-leaved Begonias do well, and Abutilons are fine where tall plants are desired. These come nicely from seeds. They are not only good blooming plants, but are also classed as foliage plants. Some of them are freckled with white, pale green or yellow, clouded and mottled beautifully. One variety, Souv. de Bonn, has star-shaped leaves daintily rimmed with pure white. The flowers are pretty swinging bells in many colors.

One advantage in the hard-wood bedding plants is the ease with which they are wintered. Among these may be classed the Sweet Olive. In the eastern part of North Carolina, and generally in the South, the Sweet Olive does well as a hardy shrub. But here in the mountains, and at the North, it wants to be more carefully handled, and assumes the fine airs of a greenhouse shrub, though in the summer it likes to stretch its roots in the ground. The flowers are very fragrant. A small blooming plant on the piazza will perfume the whole house.

French Coleus is a lovely waxy plant, as easily grown as the other kinds, and far more beautiful. Marguerites are always lovely. Snapdragons are beautiful, and grow like weeds. Stocks will not grow in the South, but Carnations flourish anywhere. Chrysanthemums are fine bedding plants, but they claim a chapter for themselves alone.

Ellen Frizell Wycoff.

Iredell Co., N. C.

Gathering Seeds.—I gather the seed-pods of Pansies with a long stem just as they begin looking yellow, and put them in a glass fruit jar. When fully ripe the pods will burst, and the seeds will be found in the bottom of the jar, nicely cleaned. All seeds that have a habit of shelling out can be treated in like manner. Do not put any air-tight cover on the jar, as the pods need air. Keep in the shade.

Ida A. Cope.

Sutter Co., Cal., Sept. 15, 1898.

CLEMATIS PANICULATA.

SEED SOWING.

THIS beautiful vine is not so well known as it deserves to be. It is one of the easiest plants to raise, is free from the ravages of all bugs and worms, perfectly healthy, hardy, a rank grower, and when in bloom is a beautiful sight. Like all importations from Japan, there is a peculiar beauty in the make-up of the plant which appeals to every eye. It blossoms at a time when few other vines are in bloom, coming the first of September and continuing until frost. It is a very rapid climber, quickly covering a screen or trellis, and its brilliant green, graceful foliage is ornamental even when the plant is not in bloom. It will make a growth of eight or ten feet the first season, sending up a great number of shoots from the root, and unlike most vines it will blossom freely the first season from a layered plant. The vines die down almost to the ground every winter, but grow up quickly with renewed vigor each spring. They will live without protection, but will do better if given a mulch of strawy manure or dry leaves in the fall, and this should be left there the next season to protect the roots from the hot sun and keep them moist. The pictures given in the catalogues appear to be all flowers and no foliage, and they are hardly overdrawn, as when a well grown vine is in bloom few leaves can be seen among the flowers. The sprays are fine for decorating, as the long branches have panicles of blossoms to the extreme end, and the slender, wiry stems can be trained in almost any position. The flowers are creamy white, about an inch in diameter, with an unusual number of stamens, which give them a fuzzy appearance.

The vines may be increased by layering, or raised from seeds. The seeds should be planted as soon as they fall, and the ground should then be covered with a mulch until spring, when most of it can be removed. They are often slow to germinate, but when once started they make rapid growth. One of my vines, now in its second season, is a perfect mass of flowers; it has covered a screen on a veranda so completely that scarcely a ray of sunshine can get through, and is now clambering over the roof, the delicate sprays of flowers forming a great contrast to the weather-stained shingles. After severe frost the vines are pulled down and cut off a foot above the ground, a heavy mulch placed over the root, and no more thought given it until spring, when it will start into rapid growth, and cover the screen in an incredibly short time.

Marian Meade.

Winnebago Co., Ill., Sep. 19, 1898.

Paeonies.—The glory of our garden last spring was an old-fashioned red Paeony. We counted forty-nine open flowers and buds on it one morning, a good record for a three-year-old "toe." It was planted in deep, rich soil, and has not been disturbed since, nor received any care other than plenty of water and its roots kept well covered with mulch, as it inclines to expose them.

Marion Howard.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal.

JANUARY is none too early to begin if one wants extra early Pansies, Petunias, etc. The days are growing brighter then, and the catalogues are beginning to come in, our enthusiasm revives, and we just long to be doing something. The window garden is flourishing, the early planted bulbs blooming, and beside the usual watering and stirring of the soil there is nothing especially needed in the window garden. So, if you have put away a good supply of prepared soil, as you ought to, you can get out a few seed boxes. I use cigar boxes and tin cans cut down. The soil I prepared last fall is composed of leaf-mold, old, well-rotted manure and sandy garden soil. This is good for most all kinds of seeds, and for repotting house plants. My seed boxes have the bottoms full of holes, and I put quite a bit of charcoal in the bottom of the boxes, and sift the soil through a piece of old screen. Fine seeds, like Petunia, do not need to be covered, but simply pressed down into the soil. I use a small, smooth block of wood for that purpose. As all floral writers advise bottom heat I devised a way to give this from a stove in the sitting room, where there is fire day and night in cold weather. I have a shelf, papered so as to look neat, and here I put my boxes until the young plants are up, which is in a very short time with most seeds. Large seeds like Canna and Acacia I plant an inch deep in a small flower pot or can, having previously soaked them in hot water. As soon as the young plants are up they are moved to a west window. An east or south window would do as well or better, I suppose, but the west window is generally empty, and the others full of plants, and close to the glass in the west window the seedlings do well. Later they are carried to an upstairs window in a room without artificial heat, and on warm, sunny days the windows are opened, and still later they are put out of doors to harden off, and protected on cold nights. In this way one can have nice stout plants, some of them budded by transplanting time, and it is not so much trouble as it seems. A cold frame simplifies matters a good deal if you are fortunate enough to possess one. I always water my seed boxes from below, that is, set them in an inch or two of water and let the moisture soak up through the soil. This is quite essential to perfect success, I think.

Stanley Dale.

Champ Co., Ohio, Oct. 11, 1898.

Nicotiana affinis.—Of the several varieties of Nicotiana cultivated for the fragrance of their flowers this is one of the best. It is a tender annual, growing about three feet in height, and during the evening and early morning hours is covered with deliciously-scented, large, pure white flowers. The seeds can be started in the house if desired, but when sown in the open ground the plants commence to bloom early in July. Give the plants sufficient space in which to properly develop themselves, a deep, rich soil, and an open, sunny situation.

Chas. E. Parnell.

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Olea fragrans.—This is an evergreen shrub found in China and Japan, and is hardy in the southern States, but must be used as a pot plant at the North. It differs in botanical character from most of the species of the genus Olea, and is sometimes classed as *Osmanthus fragrans*. It is, however, a true member of the Olive family, which embraces a number of our choice hardy shrubs, as the Jessamine, Forsythia, Lilac, Privet and Fringe Tree. The plant bears in early spring small yellowish white or pinkish white flowers, which are very sweet-scented. The shining green foliage with which the plant is clothed makes it always decorative, and when it is in bloom it is always highly praised. Plants are propagated from cuttings of the ripened wood, and from seeds. They thrive in a well-drained loam, and with treatment that will grow a Geranium.

Freesias.—These are small bulbous plants with sword-shaped foliage and clusters of sweet-scented tubular white or yellowish-white flowers. The bulbs should be obtained during September, October or November, and about six placed in a five-inch pot, a half-inch or more under the surface, the soil being porous and well-drained. Water and keep in a dark place for two months, then bring to the light, setting the pot close to the glass, and in a temperature of from 50° to 60° or 65°. The flowers will develop in five months from the time of potting. Do not force their growth by keeping in a dry, hot atmosphere. Under such treatment they will do no good. You can only get satisfactory results by potting before December, and keeping in a rather cool, moist temperature.

Keeping Gloxinias.—When Gloxinias are through blooming, and the leaves beginning to turn yellow, gradually dry them off and set the pots away in a dark closet where the temperature is about 50° Fah. A cellar is often too damp and cold, and when kept there the tubers are liable to rot. Examine the tubers frequently to see that they are keeping. Toward spring take them out, repot in fresh soil, water, and encourage renewed growth. Tuberous Begonias will do well under similar treatment.

ERODIUM CICUTARIUM.

In the MAGAZINE for March a contributor from Oregon mentioned a wildling known there as Filooree. Later the Editor received from California a letter concerning the same plant, with pressed specimens of leaf and flower cluster, of which an engraving is here given. The letter read as follows:

Mr. Editor:—I took much interest in the recent article on "Oregon Wild Flowers," by Emma B. Friend. The "Filooree" she mentions is an old California friend. It is called Filooree by Americans. The Spanish name is Alfileria (pronounced al-fil-a-ree'-a). I am not certain that I spell it



correctly, for I cannot find it in the Spanish dictionary, but I am certain that it is derived from the Spanish noun "alfiler," meaning a small pin. I send you a pressed specimen. When I studied botany, many years ago, our teacher told us it is the original Geranium, and you can see the seed-vessels are the same as in the scarlet or Fish Geranium.

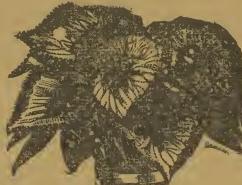
Gertrude Hall.

Placer Co., Cal., Mar. 30, 1898.

This plant is evidently neither a Geranium nor a Pelargonium, but a species of Erodium, *E. cicutarium*, which is a common weed in Europe, and was brought over to America many years ago. It has now spread over Canada and the entire United States. It is a rather pretty annual, but was not the progenitor of the Geraniums we cultivate, nor to our knowledge of any flower except the weed that it is. Our common Geranium, it is thought, originated from a cross between the Pelargonium zonale and Pelargonium inquinans, both flowering plants worthy of culture in their original state.

CARE OF REX BEGONIAS.

ABOUT the most satisfactory way to treat Rex Begonias is to keep them growing in summer, and rest them during winter. They will not grow and look well always. A moderately cool, moist temperature and partial shade suits them in summer, and here they will thrive and produce gorgeous leaves. As winter approaches, however, the leaves become fully developed and drop off, growth ceases, and the plants become bare, unsightly stems. It is then that the pots should be given a retired place, and only water enough given to keep the soil from becoming dust dry. In early spring repot in fresh soil or shift into a larger pot, using rich, light, porous soil, and good drainage. A window with a northern or northeastern exposure will produce elegant specimens. Syringe the foliage to keep it free from dust, and water liberally while the growth is active. With this treatment Rex Begonias are as satisfactory as any foliage plants that can be grown. Their development is complete, and they never fail to call forth the most ardent expressions of admiration. The best time to get the plants is in the spring.



Primroses.—The best plant for winter-blooming in the amateur's window is the Chinese Primrose. The choice fringed varieties have beautiful foliage, and fine clusters of large, exquisitely fringed flowers in various colors. They usually do better in the window when grown in tin cans than in earthen pots, and will thrive and bloom in sun or shade, but like a rather cool temperature. They have no insect enemies, and will bear considerable cold and neglect without injury to bud or bloom, and the blooming period extends throughout the winter and spring months. Is there any plant you know of that deserves higher praise than this?

For an Aquarium.—For an aquarium or artificial pond the so-called Parrot's Feather is perhaps as desirable a plant as can be used. It is mostly kept by dealers in aquatics. The Water Hyacinth is also useful. Let its roots become imbedded in a ball of sphagnum moss. Cyperus alternifolius is a graceful, easily grown bog plant often recommended. It is well to try a number of plants and adopt those that are found satisfactory.

Planting Bulbs Early.—Some bulbs will grow and bloom well if purchased and planted in early winter, but as a rule this work should all be attended to before December. In buying and planting during December or later you should expect some failures, as many bulbs deteriorate when kept out of the ground for such a long period.

EXAMINE THEM.

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Angle Worms.—These are thought to be useful in bringing the garden soil into a favorable condition for the growth of plants. They are not desirable occupants of the soil of pot plants, however, as they often destroy or injure the crowded, delicate rootlets of the plants. To get rid of them apply lime water a few times to the soil. This will not only eradicate the worms, but will prove beneficial to the soil. To keep angle worms from gaining an entrance to pots during summer a layer of coal ashes should be placed where the pots are to stand. This will prevent them from entering the drainage holes.

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LETTER NO. 14.

Cologne is one of the most important of the cities of Germany. It is situated upon the western bank of the Rhine, and is connected with the suburb Deutz by a bridge of boats, and also by a handsome iron bridge, approached by a broad, solid stone road supported by immense arched columns. This is used as a railroad bridge, as well as for general traffic. The city was founded A. D. 51 by the Roman Emperor Claudius, at the request of his wife Agrippina, whose birthplace was upon its site. It has now a population of 200,000, and is a great trade and manufacturing center, having facilities for traffic both by rail and water. There are many handsome ancient edifices to be seen there, but the grandest of all is the Dom—a massive Gothic structure 480 feet in length and 282 feet in breadth, with two elegantly decorated towers about 500 feet in height. The foundation stone for this structure, history tells us, was laid in 1248 A. D., and the towers (containing six bells, one of which weighs eleven tons) were completed in 1880, when the consecration services were celebrated by the presence of the German Emperor and members of the Imperial family. This Cathedral stands apart from all other buildings, and is perhaps the most attractive and gorgeous of all religious edifices outside of Rome. The city contains many other churches and buildings, some of which are odd specimens of architecture, and the domes and towers and spires give the appearance of picturesque beauty noted in its approach. There are some squares beautifully ornamented with flowers and shrubbery, and in prominent places the statues of King Frederick William III, Prince Bismarck and Count Von

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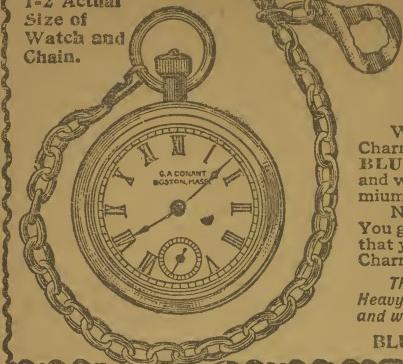
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Moltke. Not the least of the attractions are the Zoological and Botanic Gardens, and no traveller should omit to visit them. The collection of animals on exhibition is certainly one of the largest and most complete in the world.

The big Cathedral was but a short distance from my hotel, and as I walked around the marvellous building early the next morning, viewing its massive but graceful proportions, its curious and profuse decorations, and admiring the grandeur of its exterior in general, my mind was attracted suddenly by a roar of martial music which seemed to be in the southern part of the city. I looked in that direction but could see nothing to indicate the source of the martial strains. Plainly and more definite they became, however, till at last, issuing from a cross street, and marching directly towards me, I saw a fully equipped regiment of German soldiers led by the German flag and a corps of musicians consisting of four fifes and twelve drummers, four of which also carried bugles. On they came, the fifes playing a peculiar but lively air, which I had never before heard, and the drummers beating with such vigor that it reminded me of an American campaign parade. As they came near the great walls and towers of the big Dom seemed to respond to the music in resonant echoes. The soldiers were clad in white pantaloons, blue coats trimmed with red, caps highly ornamented with gilt, and high-topped boots. They carried fur-covered knapsacks, canteen, gun and dagger, and as they marched the big boots came down with perfect regularity upon the cobbled street. Tramp, tramp, tramp, they came in a straight column until near the Dom, then at the command of the officer they turned to the right and passed down and around east of the building, disappearing from view beneath the great railroad archway. I looked and listened and admired until the arching columns hid the men from view. Then I began to think how many lives were made often burdensome and useless in Germany and other countries by keeping a great standing army—in time of peace as well as in war. How the European cities abound with soldiers who, idle the greater part of their time, are subject to immoral influences which destroy the noble aspirations of life, and render inert the energies which might otherwise be expended in advancing civilization and meliorating the condition of mankind. It would seem that a system of mental and moral as well as physical training

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might be introduced that would improve the mind of the soldier, and make him more efficient in battle, as well as a better citizen after his period of army life is past. This is an improvement let us hope that will be perfected during the 20th century.

After viewing the interior of the big building I strolled around to the street market, where I found bushels of beans, peas, cucumbers and lettuce, as well as cabbage and other vegetables offered for sale. They were brought in on huge carts drawn by men and dogs, and often in large baskets borne upon the heads of the women, who are mostly clothed with coarse, drab-colored dresses, blue aprons, and with a white kerchief over the head. Dogs were much used here for delivering bread and various eatables. A queer custom was the selling of the daily papers upon the streets by women—big, fat, bare-headed, round-faced women. Newsboys, so common in American cities, were a rarity in Cologne. Do you ask about the streets? Well they are mostly narrow, sometimes with a little sidewalk, but often paved the whole way across, and the entire space used for pedestrian travel. The sides are lined with elegant show windows, and in the evenings these attract many sight-seers, so that the entire street is jammed with a moving human mass. In such streets vehicles are not allowed, except at certain periods. Sometimes a whole street is covered, leaving a big archway with stores at either side. In such streets the use of carriages is not permitted. The buildings are generally of brick, high, and well-lighted. The streets are as clean as we could expect in such a dense city. Apparently the people mostly lead a gay life, drinking wine, beer and other intoxicants, and enjoying themselves in a social way.

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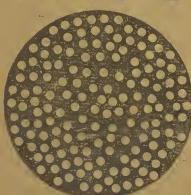
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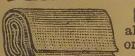
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Marion Howard.

Santa Cruz Co., Cal., Sep. 14, 1898.

A Baby Rose.—I would like to tell the readers of Park's Floral Magazine about my Baby Rose. Last fall I planted seeds of the Hybrid Rose Gen. Washington. Some of them vegetated this spring, and one of the little plants began to form a flower bud before it was one inch high. By the last of May it had matured a nice red Rose more than an inch in diameter. From the ground to the top of the bud was just two and one-half inches.

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Worcester Co., Mass., Sept. 15, 1898.

Wallflower.—On page 97, July Magazine, Mrs. Svenson asks about a plant she knew as "Phiol." From her description I think it is Wallflower. In Wurtemburg, Germany, where I came from, some called Wallflower by that name. It stays out all winter.

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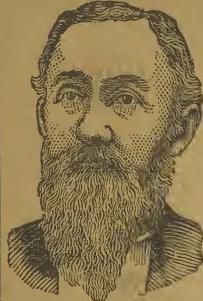
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Tuberous Begonias.—Mrs. Gray, of Kansas, wants minute directions for treating the Tuberous Begonia after it is planted. Her plants drop their leaves and finally die. It is possible that she waters them too much, or that the drainage is clogged. The plants like a partial shade, a place shielded from wind and storm, and the soil must be porous and well-drained, kept moist but not wet. Never apply water while the soil is moist. With these few simple precautions she ought to succeed well with these Begonias.

Mildew.—Mrs. Nich'l, of Kansas, complains that her Pansies and Sweet Peas turn white and dusty and die, and wants to know the cause. The "dust" is probably a form of mildew or fungus, which attacks and destroys the plants. It is more likely to trouble Peas which are sown in summer than those started in early spring. The disease spreads by spores which are carried in the air. There is no effectual remedy for it.

Hydrangea paniculata.—This is the Hydrangea which bears large globular panicles of white flowers during August, turning to a pinkish color before the flowers fade. It is a hardy shrub which some florists recommend to plant in the fall, but which had better be planted in spring, about the time the fruit trees are in bloom.

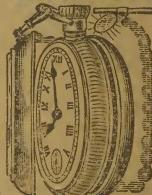
Pruning Abutilon.—A sister in Massachusetts has an Abutilon grown from seed which is more than seven feet high, and still growing, and wants to know if she can cut it back to store in the cellar. She is informed that it will not be injured by curtailing, and the plant will be all the better for such pruning the next season.

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Bouncing Bet.—The botanical name of Bouncing Bet is *Saponaria officinalis*.

Auratum Lily.—Mrs. Key, of Tennessee, got an *Auratum* Lily last May, and planted it in a three-gallon jar, which she sunk in the soil about six inches. The bulb grew up a stalk six inches high, then ceased to grow. She asks why the plant did not bloom. It was probably late to plant the bulb in Tennessee, and when it was planted it should have been set in the open ground, and not in a pot or crock. It may be that there was insufficient drainage, and that the roots were injured by stagnant water about them. Or, it may be that the soil became heated, and stunted the growth. The best treatment for the *Auratum* Lily is to plant it in the open ground early in spring, eight inches deep, in porous, soil, and mulch the bed as warm weather approaches. The plants like a cool soil, and with that do not mind the hot sun. The bulbs are hardy, and should not be disturbed for several years. In wet or undrained, tenacious soil they are liable to rot.

Bermuda Lily.—When this Lily is planted late in spring it is not uncommon to have it split up into numerous small bulbs, and make a stunted growth, rather than to grow vigorously and bear flowers. The same is true of many other Lilies. The remedy is to get sound bulbs early in spring, plant them in a well-drained bed of porous soil, well exposed to the sun, setting the bulbs eight inches deep. As hot weather approaches mulch the bed, to prevent the soil from becoming hot and dry. Most Lily bulbs have perennial roots at their base which are destroyed by lifting. For this reason the plants and flowers are always less vigorous the first season than after the bulbs become well established.

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Salvia for Winter-blooming.—By skillful treatment the scarlet Salvia will sometimes bloom well in winter, but it is not a plant that can be recommended for general use for winter-blooming. Started in early spring it is excellent for summer-blooming in beds. Better use it for that purpose, and fill your windows with Primroses, Callas, Hyacinths and Narcissus.

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Moss Rose.—A sister purchased a Moss Rose of some florist, but neither flower nor stem has any vestige of "moss" upon it. She asks if it is a true Moss Rose. It is evidently not a Moss Rose, and was doubtless sent her by mistake.

Mr. Park:—I would not be without your little Magazine. It is such a pleasure to read it.

Mrs. Hugh Davis.

Crittenden Co., Ark., Oct. 3, 1898.

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Then came the Hollyhocks in gold and crimson
frocks,
Who flirted with the Sunflowers grave and tall;
That sturdy scion, the Dandelion,
A host of blossoms brought that nestled in the
glade,
Daisy, Mignonette, modest Violet—
All were singing sweetly at the Flowers' Sere-
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Blue Bells were ringing, Magnolias flinging
Their balmy perfume near the Calla Lily fair;
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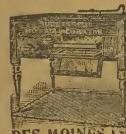


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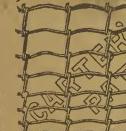
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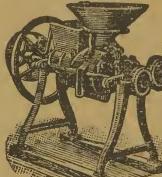
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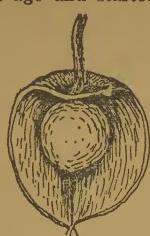
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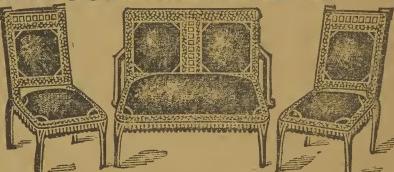


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